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Comment regarding 02-6, 10-90, and 13-184

RE: Closing the Digital Divide

In order for the Widefield School District to expand the walls of school into our communities through online, 24/7 access to instruction and other resources for ALL students, we are going to need to support students for whom Internet access at home is not viable. Our vision is that the majority of our instruction is blended so that learning can take place anywhere, any time. Learning for about 20% of our students will end in this scenario when they leave our buildings. We have a fleet of radio towers that could be used to make wireless available to households in many of our communities, but would need to be able to also extend our Internet access to those households.

Granting the waiver described in proceedings 02-6, 10-90, and 13-184 would open up options for the Widefield School District to get past this age old obstacle to moving forward toward a digital learning environment that is good for all students but only available to some students.

Sincerely,

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